

Amendment No. 1 to HB0037

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Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1573**

**House Bill No. 37\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

50-1-2\_\_\_\_.

(a) This section shall be known as "The Essential Workers Act."

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a local governmental entity or the executive head of a local government shall not, by executive order, ordinance, or resolution, create categories or classes of nonessential businesses, trades, professions, or industries for the purpose of suspending lawful commerce, encumbering trade, or denying citizens the right to work if such activities are otherwise lawful in this state, unless an explicit order of the local fire marshal or a court of competent jurisdiction declares that the business operating poses a clear and present danger to the citizenry of this state.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.